

cated for Indian reservation roads may be used for the purpose of funding road projects on roads of tribally controlled postsecondary vocational institutions.”

Section 1042 of Pub. L. 102-240 provided that:

“(a) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on the funding needs for Indian reservation roads taking into account funding and other quality inequities between Indian reservation roads and other highway systems.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 1991], the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the study conducted under this section, together with any legislative and administrative recommendations of the Secretary for correcting inequities identified under such study.”

STUDY AND REPORT ON METHOD OF ALLOCATING FUNDS

Section 1032(e) of Pub. L. 102-240 provided that: “The Secretary shall undertake a study to determine if the method for allocating funds authorized for Federal lands highways is adequate to meet the relative transportation needs of the Federal lands served. The report shall be submitted within 2 years of the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 1991].”

FOREST HIGHWAYS

Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §134, Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 173, as amended by Pub. L. 100-202, §101(l) [title III, §348(a)], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-358, 1329-388, provided that: “Notwithstanding section 202(a) of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall, after making the transfer provided by section 204(g) of such title, as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act [Apr. 2, 1987] in fiscal year 1987 and on October 1 of each of fiscal years 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991, allocate 66 percent of the remainder of the authorization for forest highways provided for such fiscal year by this Act [see Short Title of 1987 Amendment note set out under section 101 of this title] in the same percentage as the amounts allocated for expenditure in each State and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico from funds authorized for forest highways for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, adjusted (1) to eliminate the 0.003243547 percent for the State of Iowa to the State by deed executed May 26, 1964, and (2) to redistribute the percentage formerly apportioned to the State of Iowa to other participating States on a proportional basis. The remaining funds authorized to be appropriated for forest highways for such fiscal year shall be allocated pursuant to section 202(a) of such title.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 104, 157 of this title.

§ 203. Availability of funds

Funds authorized for,¹ forest development roads and trails, public lands development roads and trails, park road, parkways, Indian reservation roads, and public lands highways shall be available for contract upon apportionment, or on October 1 of the fiscal year for which authorized if no apportionment is required. Any amount remaining unexpended for a period of three years after the close of the fiscal year for which authorized shall lapse. The Secretary of the Department charged with the administration of such funds is granted authority to incur obligations, approve projects, and enter into contracts under such authorizations and his action in doing so shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the United States for the payment of the cost thereof and such funds shall be

deemed to have been expended when so obligated. Any funds heretofore or hereafter authorized for any fiscal year for,¹ forest development roads and trails, public lands development roads and trails, park road, parkways, Indian roads and public lands highways shall be deemed to have been expended if a sum equal to the total of the sums authorized for such fiscal year and previous fiscal years since and including the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, shall have been obligated. Any of such funds released by payment of final voucher or modification of project authorizations shall be credited to the balance of unobligated authorizations and be immediately available for expenditure.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 906; Pub. L. 86-657, §8(b), July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 524; Pub. L. 87-866, §7, Oct. 23, 1962, 76 Stat. 1147; Pub. L. 94-280, title I, §117(b), May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 437; Pub. L. 97-424, title I, §126(f), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2116; Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1032(f), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 1975.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-240 struck out “forest highways” before “, forest development roads” in two places.

1983—Pub. L. 97-424 substituted “park road” for “park roads and trails” wherever appearing.

1976—Pub. L. 94-280 substituted “or on October 1” for “or a date not earlier than one year preceding the beginning” in first sentence and “three years” for “two years” in second sentence.

1962—Pub. L. 87-866 inserted “public lands development roads and trails,” before “park roads and trails”, in two places.

1960—Pub. L. 86-657 substituted “Funds authorized” for “Funds now authorized” in first sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-240 effective Dec. 18, 1991, and applicable to funds authorized to be appropriated or made available after Sept. 30, 1991, and, with certain exceptions, not applicable to funds appropriated or made available on or before Sept. 30, 1991, see section 1100 of Pub. L. 102-240, set out as a note under section 104 of this title.

§ 204. Federal Lands Highways Program

(a) Recognizing the need for all Federal roads which are public roads to be treated under the same uniform policies as roads which are on the Federal-aid systems, there is established a coordinated Federal lands highways program which shall consist of the public lands highways, park roads, parkways, and Indian reservation roads as defined in section 101 of this title. The Secretary, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall develop appropriate transportation planning procedures and safety, bridge, and pavement management systems for roads funded under the Federal Lands Highway Program. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no public lands highway project may be undertaken in any State pursuant to this section unless the State concurs in the selection and planning of the project.

(b) Funds available for public lands highways shall be used by the Secretary to pay for the cost of planning, research, engineering and construction thereof. Funds available for park roads, parkways, and Indian reservation roads

¹ So in original. The comma probably should not appear.

shall be used by the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior to pay for the cost of construction and improvement thereof. In connection therewith, the Secretary and the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate, may enter into construction contracts and such other contracts with a State or civil subdivision thereof or Indian tribe as deemed advisable. In the case of Indian reservation roads, Indian labor may be employed in such construction and improvement under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. No ceiling on Federal employment shall be applicable to construction or improvement of Indian reservation roads. Funds available for each class of Federal lands highways shall be available for any kind of transportation project eligible for assistance under this title that is within or adjacent to or provides access to the areas served by the particular class of Federal lands highways. The Secretary of Interior may reserve funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' administrative funds associated with the Indian reservation roads program to finance the Indian technical centers authorized under section 326.

(c) Before approving as a project on an Indian reservation road any project eligible for funds apportioned under section 104 or section 144 of this title in a State, the Secretary must determine that the obligation of funds for such project is supplementary to and not in lieu of the obligation, for projects on Indian reservation roads, of a fair and equitable share of funds apportioned to such State under section 104 of this title. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, Indian reservation roads under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior shall be eligible to expend not more than 15 percent funds¹ apportioned for Indian reservation roads from the Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of road sealing projects. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall continue to retain responsibility, including annual funding request responsibility, for road maintenance programs on Indian reservations.

(d) Cooperation of States, counties, or other local subdivisions may be accepted in construction and improvement, and any funds received from a State, county, or local subdivision shall be credited to appropriations available for the class of Federal lands highways to which such funds were contributed.

(e) Construction of each project shall be performed by contract awarded by competitive bidding, unless the Secretary or the Secretary of the Interior shall affirmatively find that, under the circumstances relating to such project, some other method is in the public interest. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of section 23 of the "Buy Indian" Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 891), and the provisions of section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (88 Stat. 2205) shall apply to all funds administered by the Secretary of the Interior which are appropriated for the construction and improvement of Indian reservation roads.

(f) All appropriations for the construction and improvement of each class of Federal lands highways shall be administered in conformity

with regulations and agreements jointly approved by the Secretary and the Secretary of the appropriate Federal land managing agency.

(g) The Secretary shall transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture from appropriations for forest highways such amounts as may be needed to cover necessary administrative expenses of the Forest Service in connection with forest highways.

(h) ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—Funds available for each class of Federal lands highways may be available for the following:

(1) Transportation planning for tourism and recreational travel including the National Forest Scenic Byways Program, Bureau of Land Management Back Country Byways Program, National Trail System Program, and other similar Federal programs that benefit recreational development.

(2) Adjacent vehicular parking areas.

(3) Interpretive signage.

(4) Acquisition of necessary scenic easements and scenic or historic sites.

(5) Provision for pedestrians and bicycles.

(6) Construction and reconstruction of roadside rest areas including sanitary and water facilities.

(7) Other appropriate public road facilities such as visitor centers as determined by the Secretary.

(i) TRANSFERS TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior from the appropriation for public land highways amounts as may be needed to cover necessary administrative costs of the Bureau of Land Management in connection with public lands highways.

(j) INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS PLANNING.—Up to 2 percent of funds made available for Indian reservation roads for each fiscal year shall be allocated to those Indian tribal governments applying for transportation planning pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Indian tribal government, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, and, as may be appropriate, with a State, local government, or metropolitan planning organization, shall develop a transportation improvement program, that includes all Indian reservation road projects proposed for funding. Projects shall be selected by the Indian tribal government from the transportation improvement program and shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 907; Pub. L. 97-424, title I, § 126(b), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2114; Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 133(b)(13), (14), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 172; Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §§ 1030, 1032(b), title VI, § 6004(c), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 1970, 1974, 2169.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 23 of the "Buy Indian" Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 861), referred to in subsec. (e), is classified to section 47 of Title 25, Indians.

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, referred to in subsec. (j), is Pub. L. 93-638, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2203, as amended, which is classified principally to subchapter II (§ 450 et seq.) of chapter 14 of Title 25. Section 7(b) of the Act is classified to

¹ So in original. Probably should be "of funds".

section 450e(b) of Title 25. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 450 of Title 25 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-240, §1032(b)(1), struck out “forest highways,” before “public lands highways” and inserted provisions requiring Secretary, in cooperation with Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, to develop transportation planning procedures and safety, bridge, and pavement management systems for roads funded under Federal Lands Highway Program, and provisions prohibiting public lands highway projects from being undertaken in any State pursuant to this section unless State concurs in selection and planning of project.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-240, §6004(c), inserted at end “The Secretary of Interior may reserve funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ administrative funds associated with the Indian reservation roads program to finance the Indian technical centers authorized under section 326.”

Pub. L. 102-240, §1032(b)(2)(B), (C), struck out “forest highways and” before “public lands highways” and inserted at end “Funds available for each class of Federal lands highways shall be available for any kind of transportation project eligible for assistance under this title that is within or adjacent to or provides access to the areas served by the particular class of Federal lands highways.”

Pub. L. 102-240, §1032(b)(2)(A), substituted “planning, research, engineering and construction thereof” for “construction and improvements thereof” and was executed by making the substitution for the first reference to “construction and improvement thereof” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-240, §§1030, 1032(b)(3), substituted “eligible for funds apportioned under section 104 or section 144 of this title” for “on a Federal-aid system” and inserted at end “Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, Indian reservation roads under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior shall be eligible to expend not more than 15 percent funds apportioned for Indian reservation roads from the Highway Trust Fund for the purpose of road sealing projects. The Bureau of Indian Affairs shall continue to retain responsibility, including annual funding request responsibility, for road maintenance programs on Indian reservations.”

Subsecs. (h) to (j). Pub. L. 102-240, §1032(b)(4), added subsecs. (h) to (j) and struck out former subsec. (h) which read as follows: “Funds available for each class of Federal lands highways shall be available for adjacent vehicular parking areas and scenic easements.”

1987—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-17, §133(b)(13), inserted “the Secretary or” after “used by” in second sentence.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 100-17, §133(b)(14), struck out “of 1975” after “Education Assistance Act”.

1983—Pub. L. 97-424 substituted “Federal Lands Highways Program” for “Forest highways” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 97-424 added subsec. (a), redesignated former subsec. (a) as (b), inserted reference to public lands highways, inserted “and improvement” after “construction”, inserted reference to reservations, Indian tribes, and the Secretary of the Interior, and inserted provision that funds available for park roads, parkways, and Indian reservation roads shall be used by the Secretary of the Interior to pay for the cost of construction and improvement thereof. Former subsec. (b) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424 added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-424 redesignated former subsec. (b) as (d) and substituted provision that cooperation may be accepted in construction and improvement, and that any funds received from a State, county, or local subdivision be credited to appropriations available for the class of Federal lands highways to which such funds were contributed, for provision that cooperation may

be accepted but may not be required by the Secretary. Former subsec. (d) redesignated (f).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-424 redesignated former subsec. (c) as (e) and substituted provisions relating to competitive bidding and preference for Indians for provisions that construction estimated to cost \$5,000 or more per mile, exclusive of bridges, was to be advertised and let to contract, that if such estimated cost was less than \$5,000 per mile or if, after proper advertising, no acceptable bid was received or the bids deemed excessive, the work might be done by the Secretary on his own account, and that for such purpose, the Secretary might purchase, lease, hire, rent, or otherwise obtain all necessary supplies, materials, tools, equipment, and facilities required to perform the work, and might pay wages, salaries, and other expenses for help employed in connection with such work. Former subsec. (e) redesignated (g).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 97-424 redesignated former subsec. (d) as (f), inserted reference to each class of Federal lands highways and to agreements, and substituted reference to the Secretary of the appropriate Federal land management agency for reference to the Secretary of Agriculture. Former subsec. (f) redesignated (h).

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-424 redesignated former subsec. (e) as (g) and substituted “forest highways” for “forest-highway program”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 97-424 redesignated former subsec. (f) as (h), substituted reference to each class of Federal lands highways for reference to forest highways, and reference to scenic easements for reference to sanitary, water, and fire control facilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1991 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 1030 and 1032 of Pub. L. 102-240 effective Dec. 18, 1991, and applicable to funds authorized to be appropriated or made available after Sept. 30, 1991, and, with certain exceptions, not applicable to funds appropriated or made available on or before Sept. 30, 1991, see section 1100 of Pub. L. 102-240, set out as a note under section 104 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 138, 315 of this title; title 41 section 252; title 49 section 303.

§ 205. Forest development roads and trails

(a) Funds available for forest development roads and trails shall be used by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay for the costs of construction and maintenance thereof, including roads and trails on experimental and other areas under Forest Service administration. In connection therewith, the Secretary of Agriculture may enter into contracts with a State or civil subdivision thereof, and issue such regulations as he deems advisable.

(b) Cooperation of States, counties, or other local subdivisions may be accepted but shall not be required by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(c) Construction estimated to cost \$50,000 or more per mile or \$50,000 or more per project for projects with a length of less than one mile, exclusive of bridges and engineering, shall be advertised and let to contract. If such estimated cost is less than \$50,000 per mile or \$50,000 per project for projects with a length of less than one mile or if, after proper advertising, no acceptable bid is received or the bids are deemed excessive, the work may be done by the Secretary of Agriculture on his own account.

(d) Funds available for forest development roads and trails shall be available for adjacent vehicular parking areas and for sanitary, water, and fire control facilities.